

REMARKS

The present communication responds to the Office Action of March 21, 2006, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-9, 11, 13-25, 18-21, 23-25, 27-29, 31-33, 35, 36, 38 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and objected to claims 3-5, 10, 17, 22, 26, 30, 34 and 37.

The claims to which the Examiner objected, claims 3-5, 10, 17, 22, 26, 30, 34 and 37, have been formally rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 38 and 39 have been formally amended to depend from the claims rewritten in independent form.

The remaining rejected claims, claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-16, 18-21, 23, 25, 29, 33 and 36, have been canceled, without prejudice and without acquiescing to the rejections.

Only claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter, formally rewritten, and claims dependent thereon remain in the application.

Conclusion

No new claim fees are generated by this paper, but a petition to extend the time to respond is submitted herewith, and the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with this paper or the petition to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

The application is now in allowable form, and reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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